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Director, C.I.A.
2430 "E" St., N.W.
Washington 5, D.C.

My dear Sir:

As chairman of one of the programming committees of the Government and Politics Club at the University of Maryland, I have received several requests that our committee attempt to secure a speaker from the Central Intelligence Agency who would speak to the members concerning the Agency's function and place in our government.

I realize that such a request is fraught with overtones of security and that such speaker will be severely limited in the information he will be at liberty to give us, but I'm also confident that your agency has long ago made provision for such a request as ours and has certain persons cleared and trained for such contact with the public. It occurs to me that such a request on my part at this time is not too out of line in view of your present recruiting program on campus.

The membership of the Government and Politics Club numbers approximately 15 to 20 persons and is composed of those students either enrolled in pertinent courses of instruction and having a desire for further instruction along this line or to those students not presently enrolled in such courses but having an interest in such direction. If you feel that you would prefer a wider audience than here indicated, I'm sure that the members will agree to an open meeting of all the student body and faculty.

Guest speakers in the past have selected their own subjects built around international or global interests, and have limited themselves to approximately 30 to 40 minutes for the presentation of their subject and from 10 to 20 minutes for a question and answer period.

If you believe that you can oblige us with a speaker preferably during, but not limited to, the next three week period, I should be delighted to discuss further details concerning the matter with whomever you might name.

Appreciating an early reply, I am enclosing a self addressed and stamped envelope for that purpose.

Thanking you for your time and consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,

John K. Aikin

John K. Aikin, Chairman
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